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This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office action mailed July 14, 2003.

Remarks

Claims 1-43 are pending in the present application. Restriction to one of the following groups of claims has been required pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to an integrated circuit having a routing structure including a vertical conductor uncoupled to a pin;